

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2007, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, January 16, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

2.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Patrick Renchin, Gail Shropshire, City Clerk Eddie May and City Maintenance Manager Warren Bruns.

3.) Minutes Approval

Miller moved and Shropshire 2nd to approve the December minutes. Motion Carried.

4.) Presentation of Community Center Project Committee Charter

- May presented a charter to establish a committee which will facilitate the planning, preparation and follow through necessary to assist the city Council in the construction of a new Community Center.
- The charter will be mailed with invitations for various community organizations to participate in the committee.
- Resolution: *Renchin moved, Shropshire 2nd to pass resolution 07-01-16 establishing the Community Center Project Committee. Roll call vote was unanimous.* Motion Carried.
- *Renchin moved, Shropshire 2nd to appoint Eddie May as the chairman to the Community Center Project Committee. Roll call vote was unanimous.* Motion Carried.
- The first meeting for the Committee is set for Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 at City Hall. All interested Residents are invited to attend.

5.) Budget Hearing

- The Library submitted their budget, requesting an 11% increase from last year. The increase will help offset salary benefits.
- The Fire Department submitted their budget, requesting a 47% increase from last year. The increase is for training and new equipment.
- The Little League submitted their budget, requesting a 40% increase from last year. The increase will help provide upgrades to the ball fields.
- Mayor Russell laid out several key elements to this year's budget including increased Sherriff and ambulance fees.
- The council discussed wages for all City employees.
- The Council, in order to match other Iowa cities with similar population, proposed an increase in the Council Member fees and Mayor's fees. The Council also discussed the possibility of hiring Joyce Russell to act as the City Manager in regards to the duties she performs above and beyond the Mayoral position. A public hearing will be held during the next Council meeting to approve an amendment to the City Ordinances regarding these fees.
- The Budget Hearing will continue at the next Council meeting.

6.) Mayor's Report

- The Fire Department recently received a new fire truck. Look for Engine 310 to be on the roads soon!
- A grant will be written to the WCDA for playground equipment, picnic tables and park benches for the ball fields. (New equipment for the Island Park will be requested in the following grant.) Application must be presented to the City Clerk by February 15th for any other City organization who would like to add their project to this semester's WCDA grant.
- The new City snow plow faced its first Fertile challenge. Besides a few minor "breaking in" issues, the truck performed wonderfully. New door signs have been installed on the truck – look for Warren on those snowy days ahead.
- Alliant Energy repaired the street light by the Church Apartments. Alliant has been notified of the broken light on West Main.

- Demolition on the old school gymnasium is nearing completion. The ground will be seeded. No plans for the property have been announced – it will take some time for the ground to properly settle.
- Several Christmas lights, as well as the lamp on the footbridge, were broken over New Years. The City will be working with the Sherriff's Department to install surveillance cameras this spring, in order to curb future vandalism.

7.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented the December financials. The City is on track with most budget line items, but needs to watch the bottom line. All out of order items have been explained to the Council.

8.) City Maintenance Report

- Bruns stated that the lagoon generator is failing to start due to freezing gas lines. Discussion was made as to a solution. Bruns will investigate further.

9.) Approve General Expenditures

- *Renchin moved, Miller 2nd to approve the expenditures.* Motion Carried.

10.) Other Business

- The Fire Department asked that the following officers be appointed, by the Council, as Board Members of the Fire Department: Jeff Berg - Fire Chief, Josh Miller - Assistant Chief, Mike Dahn – Secretary, Dan Miller – Treasurer, John Jordan, Dwight Bruns and Dan Lee – Medical Director, Safety and Training Officer, Bruce Waddington – Maintenance Director.
- *Renchin moved and Shropshire 2nd to approve the Fire Department Board Officers.* Motion Carried.

11.) Next Meeting's Business Topics

- Budget Hearing.

12.) Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00 PM in regular session, February 20th, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

13.) Adjourn - *Miller moved, Berg 2nd to adjourn.* Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of December 31, 2006

Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Cerro Gordo County Sheriffs' Department	-39.90
Bill Pmt -Check	Fertile Reminder	-180.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-1,812.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-62.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-132.91
Bill Pmt -Check	Simmering-Cory, Inc.	-4,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-18.04
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,905.96
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-109.56
Bill Pmt -Check	Worth County Sheriff's Office	-25.24
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-115,351.61
Bill Pmt -Check	Yaggy Colby Associates	-1,548.06
Bill Pmt -Check	Allied Insurance	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-399.95
Bill Pmt -Check	HD Supply Waterworks	-408.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IMFOA	-30.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Department of Transportation	-11,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Jetting	-1,141.40
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa One Call	-19.00
Bill Pmt -Check	May, Eddie V	-75.00
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-35.48
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-661.28
Bill Pmt -Check	Burtness-Lundgren Plumbing & Heating, Inc	-229.70
Bill Pmt -Check	Fertile Public Library V	-99.99
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-35.80
Check	Russell, Joyce V	-650.00
Check	Berg, Jeffrey V	-260.00
Check	Berg, Melanne V	-180.00
Check	Miller, Tad V	-280.00
Check	Renchin, Pat V	-280.00
Check	Shropshire, Gail V	-300.00
Check	US Post Office	-135.00
Deposit		2,868.34
Deposit		79,245.97
Deposit		7,363.95
Deposit		4,864.57
Deposit	Worth County Development Authority	1,820.52
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	2,874.74
Deposit	IFACWSRF	101,580.50
Deposit		50.58
Liability Check	IRS	-1,549.69
Liability Check	IPERS	-883.13
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	-148.00
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,354.81
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.07
Paycheck	Low, David	-300.73
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-642.37
Total General Fund Checking		53,218.49
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		62.46
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		62.46
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		2.67
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		2.67
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		3.95
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		3.95
TOTAL		53,287.57